

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please substitute the following paragraph(s) for the abstract now appearing in the currently filed specification:

ABSTRACT

A time/space switching component is provided with multiple functionality that includes a time switching unit, of a space switching unit of a data channel sequence correction unit and of a control unit. As a result of corresponding mode selection, the different functionalities for a switching network are obtained with a single component, resulting in a significant reduction in an overall expenditure for development and manufacture.